

Rolla Clymer correspondence

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This series of the Rolla Clymer collection includes sent and received correspondence arranged chronologically beginning in 1909. With few exceptions, the correspondence provides a continuous and very complete view of his activities. Much of the earliest correspondence in the Clymer collection pertains to information about the College of Emporia for the period Clymer was a student there. Scattered throughout the remainder of the correspondence is information about Emporia athletics and alumni activities and letters with former classmates. From 1914 to 1918, Clymer was editor and manager of the Olathe, Kansas, Register. In 1918, Rolla Clymer moved his young family to El Dorado, Kansas, where he became editor and manager of the El Dorado Republican. Except for a six month hiatus in 1937 as editor and manager of the Santa Fe New Mexican in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Clymer served the remainder of his professional career in El Dorado.

In his later years, Clymer devoted much of his time to efforts to preserve the Kansas Flint Hills region which he dearly loved. In addition to newspaper editorials, he wrote and published numerous widely circulated articles and poems about the Flint Hills. Perhaps his best known tribute was his poem "Majesty of the Hills," which helped earn him the designation as Poet Laureate of the Flint Hills. Rolla Clymer died on June 4, 1977, having been the editor of the El Dorado Times for fifty-nine years. For a complete contents list of the Rolla Clymer collection, see the External Links below.

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EL DORADO, KANSAS



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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

SENATE CHAMBER

June 11th 1950

Dear Rolla:

I am glad to see that your extra-curricular activities are finally bringing you the public attention that they deserve. The trouble is that "The Breeding of Rolla" is like the "Hunting of Kaa" its on a lunar basis. If you are anything like me, (and I think you are) you will find that you can get farther behind and caught up quicker in that biznai than in any other in the world.

For your confidential information, and not to be told to Mrs. B or anyone else, the case is ended. I think OJ wants to keep it on the docket as trading stock in his civil case, but I am sure the action will never be tried again. Please don(t tell her this, as it would be a breach of faith on my part to O.J. The public does not know the A-l screwing that O.J. got out of this and its a long story, but he has his side of the case.

Its too bad that you are unable to get away for the White Sulphur Springs conference. I am sure you would have enjoyed the trip. In this day of confiscatory taxes, I sometimes wonder if we are not all chumps not to be business go to hell and have all the fun and do all the things we can, the government will get it if you don't.

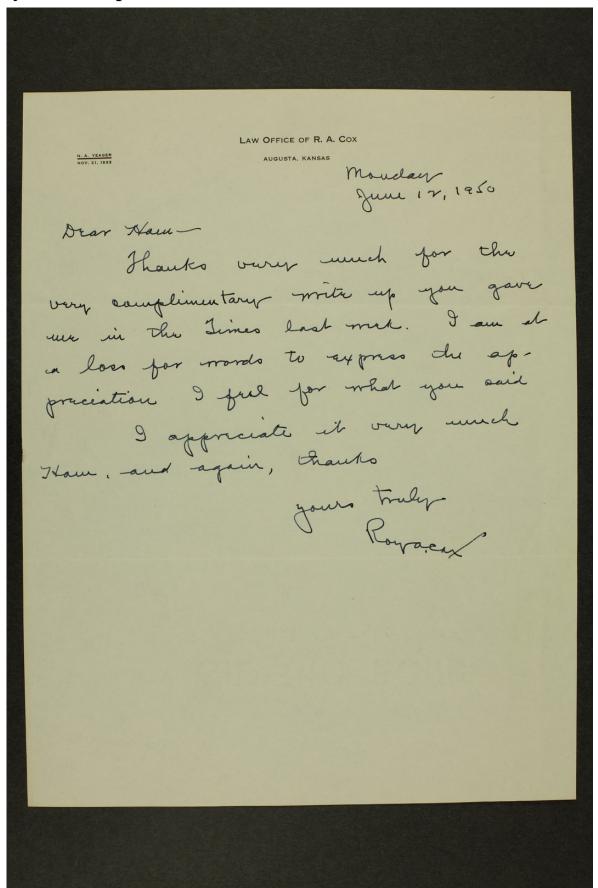
I am feeling like a million dollars. This trip out here has been worth the money to me. I have gained about fourt pounds already and am really feeling fine. I would like to stay for another month, but I hate to leave Pauline with all that work to do by herself. I think I will return in another week or ten days. The doctors here would like to have me stay longer, but Pauline writes that she is about snowed under. Poor girl, she has had a hell of a life with me. If I am not in the legislature I am in the hospital. You might as well be married to a ghost.

Will be setting you soon. Am returining your testimonial.

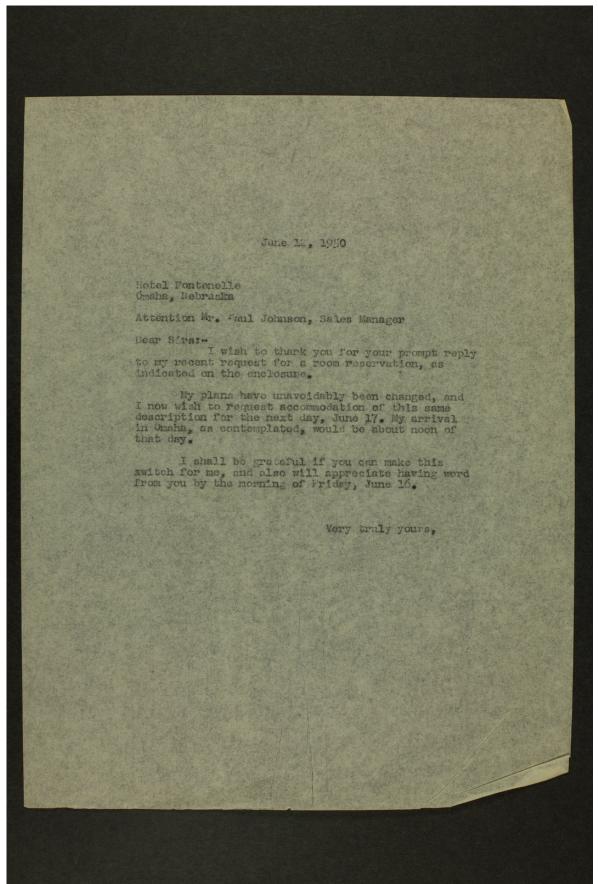
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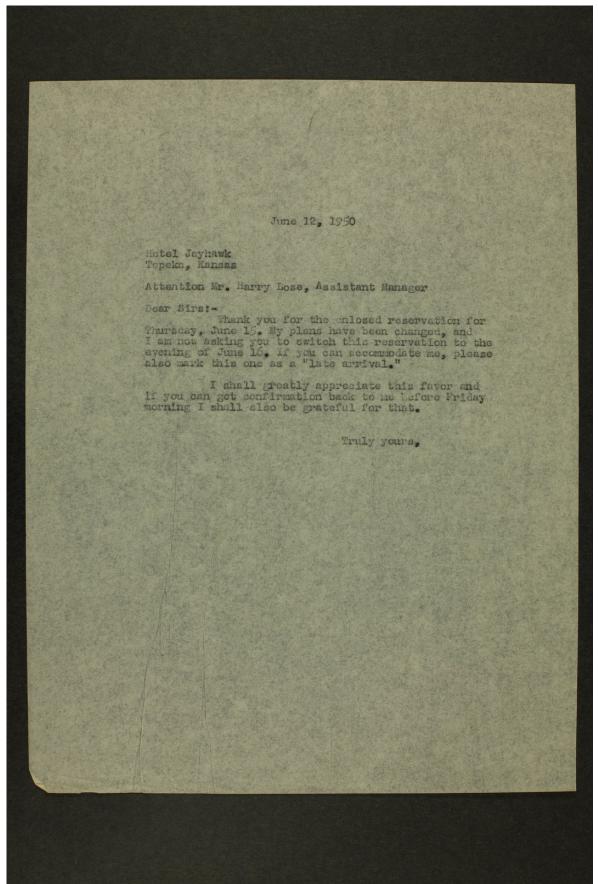




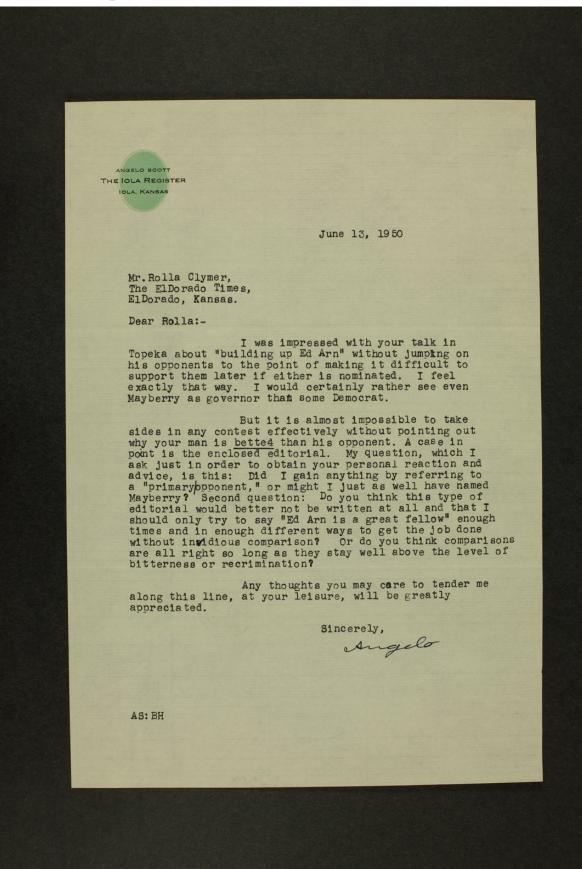




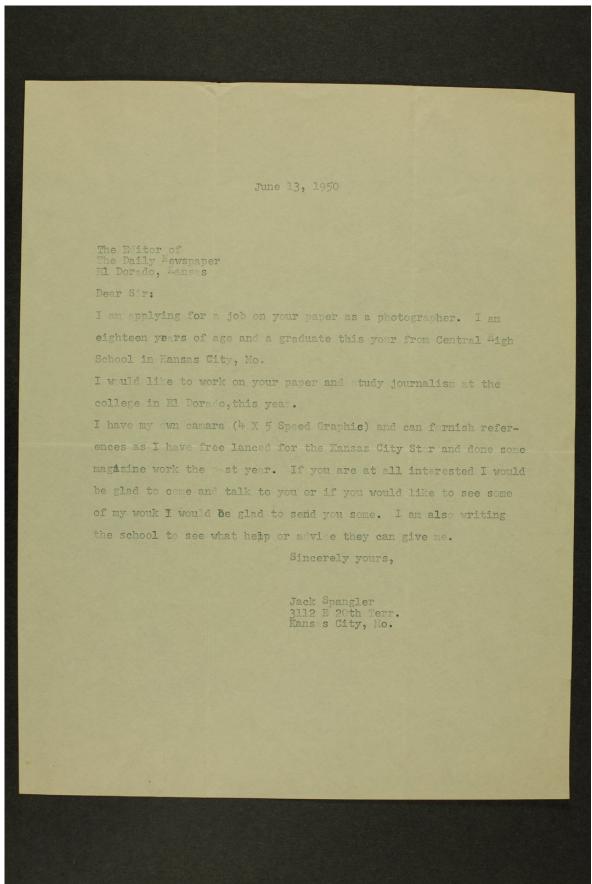




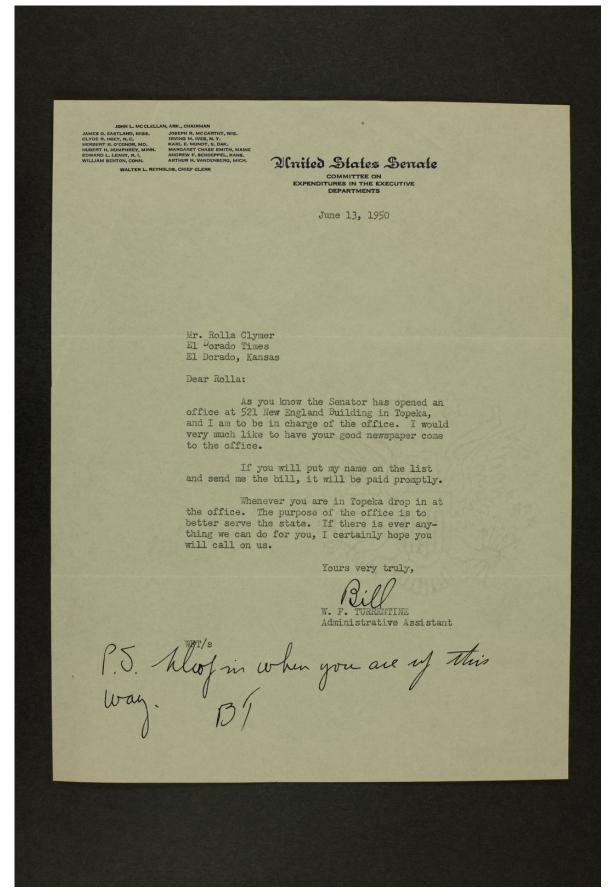




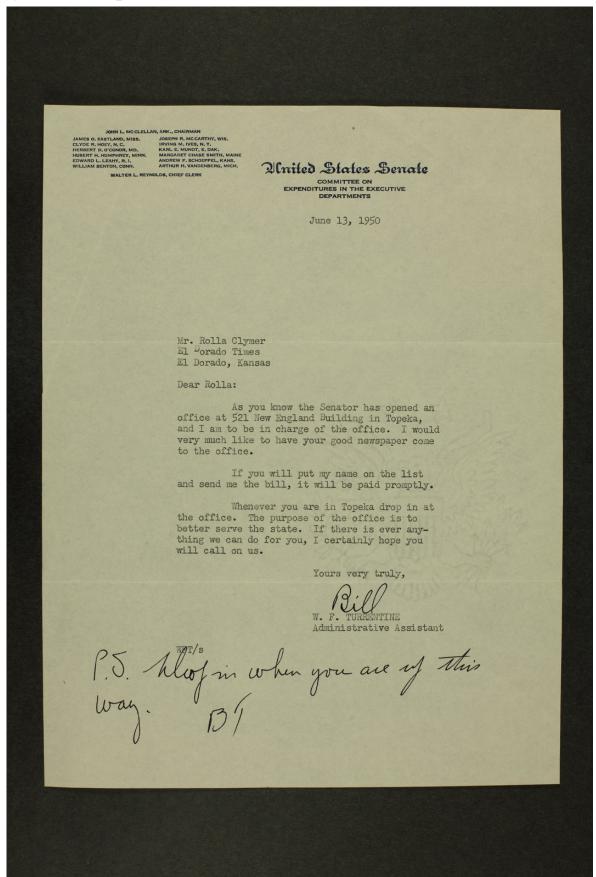














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EDWARD H. REES

COMMITTEE:

Congress of the United States House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

June 13, 1950

Dear Rolla:

Under separate mail I am sending copies of S. 1971. This bill was introduced on May 31, 1949 by Mr. Thomas of Oklahoma. It was introduced at the request of the Secretary and is known in the House and Senate as the Brannan Plan. No hearings have been held on the bill. Mr. Brannan, however, appeared before a joint committee composed of Members of the Senate and House Committees on Agriculture. They met in joint session to secure the views of Mr. Brannan on his plans to deal with the general subject of the farm support program. A copy of Mr. Brannan's testimony is also being sentunder separate mail.

I am also sending copies of a statement made by Cliff Hope, being what he believes to be an analysis of the Brannan Plan, also a Congressional Record under date of May 12, containing a statement by Senator Thye on this subject matter. I realize both of the last named statements do not support the plan. As a matter of fact, I have had difficulty in securing a statement from a Member of Congress that is wholly in support of this proposed legislation. If I am able to secure such statement, I will send it to you.

It is possible that I shall make a statement on this subject matter a little later on.

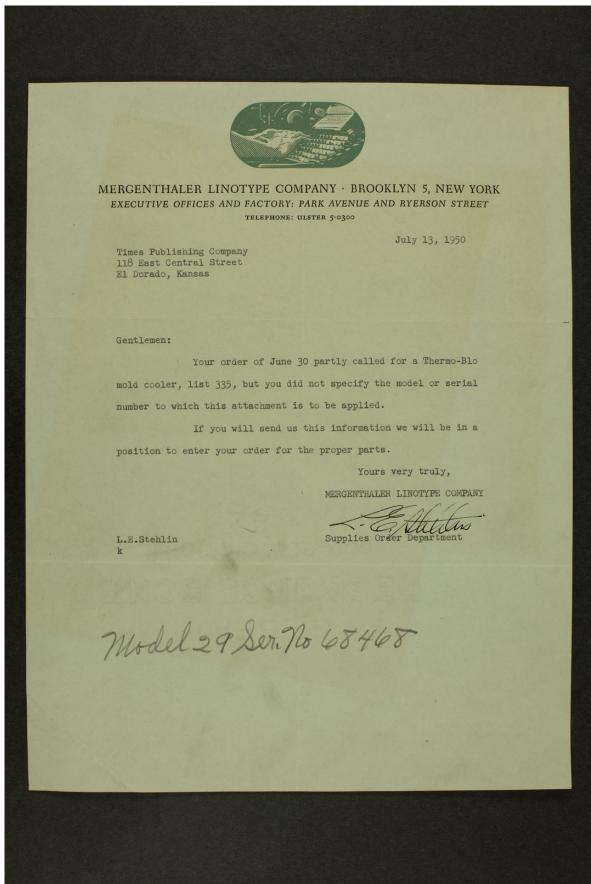
I would like to get out to Kansas for the big fourth district meeting on June 28. Whether I shall go or not, though, depends largely on the program. The program in the House at the present time is pretty much bogged down. The leadership does not seem to want to submit any further legislation until the Senate has taken action on some of the bills that have been passed by the House. Furthermore, there is considerable doubt in the minds of House Administration leaders whether some of the proposed legislation would be approved if submitted. In other words, the leadership does not want to be defeated in the House, so is inclined to hold back quite a number of Presidential proposals.

When I may be of service, be sure to let me know.

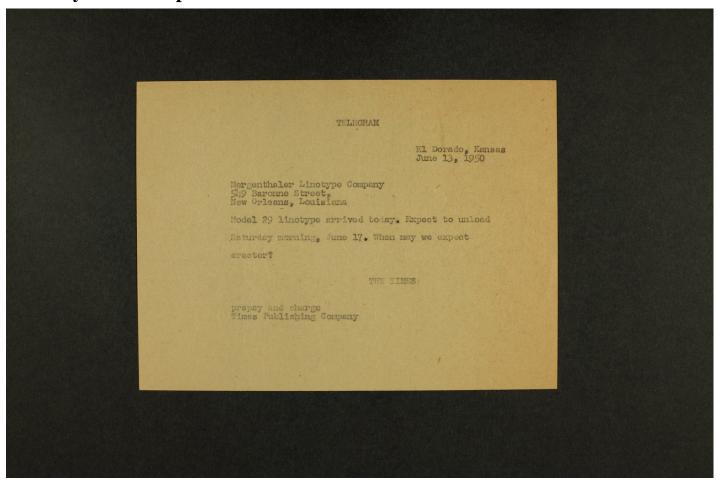
Sincerely

Mr. R. A. Clymer The El Dorado Times El Dorado, Kansas

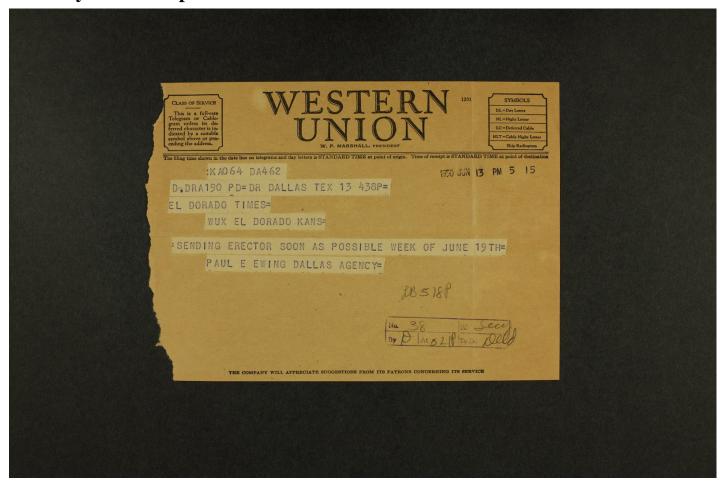




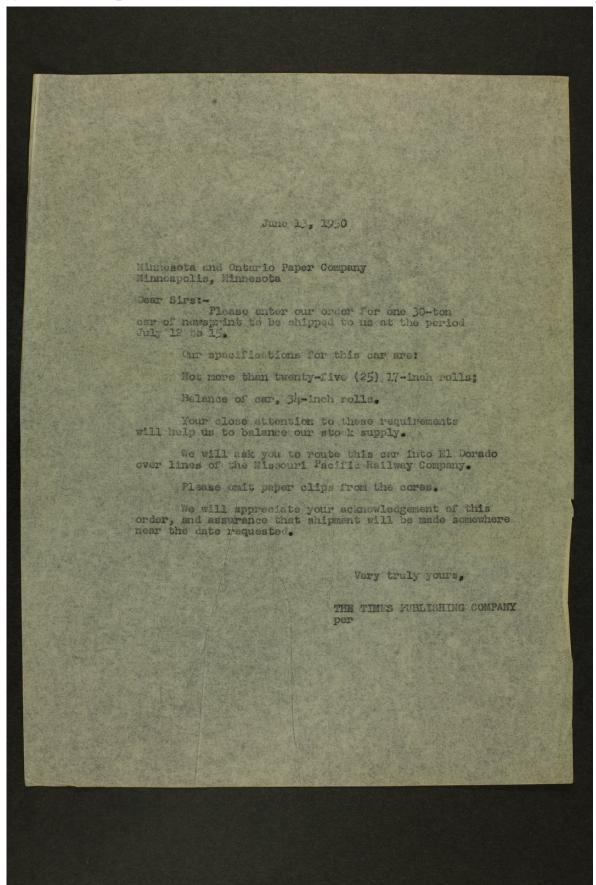




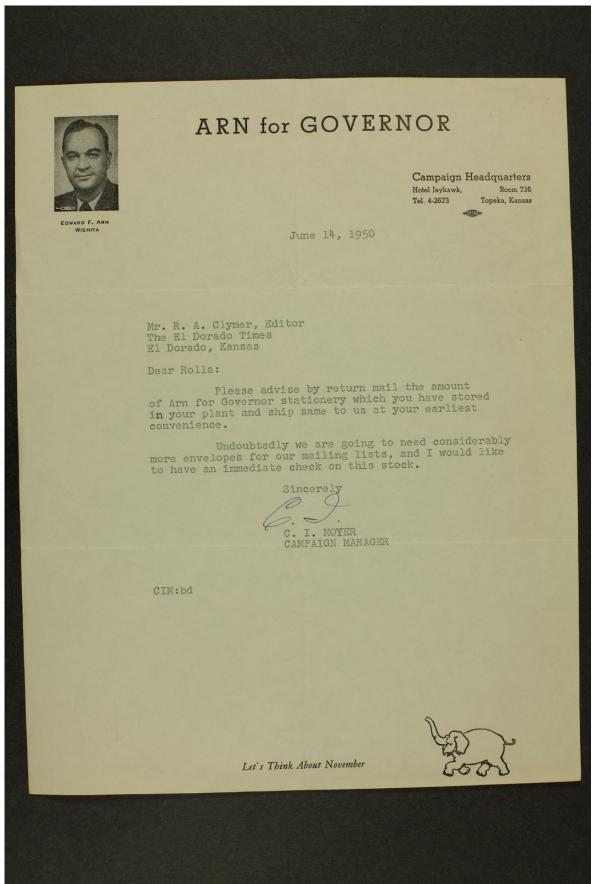














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KANSAS STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT June 15, 1950 Mr. R. A. Clymer, Chairman The Associated Press for Kansas The El Dorado Times El Dorado, Kansas Dear Mr. Clymer: Many thanks to you and your fellow members of the Associated Press of Kansas for the splendid support you have given Kansas State College during the past seven years. I am especially appreciative of your personal support. El Dorado, due in great measure to your efforts, and those of our good friend Newcomer, is the number one Kansas State town. I am certain it will continue to be so. In Dr. James A. McCain you will have a President deserving of your interest and support. He will quickly earn your respect. Doctor McCain's appointment makes my leaving much easier. His five-year record as president of Montana State University is really a remarkable one. With personal regards, I am Sincerely yours, Milton S. Eisenhower



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THE AUGUSTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Augusta - Kansa

June 15, 1950

Mr. R. A. Clymer El Dorado Times El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

The Augusta Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Youth Activity Committee is sponsoring a drive for funds to light our baseball park in order that our youth program may be carried on throughout the summer months.

We are soliciting all local business places -- and the individual donations are coming in fine, but it is going to take even more than this to get the lights. We thought perhaps you might like to help. There will be publicity given along with all the names of those who have helped with this project.

Company and organization donations are currently ranging from twenty dollars to five hundred dollars. Any donation you can make to this fund will be greatly appreciated.

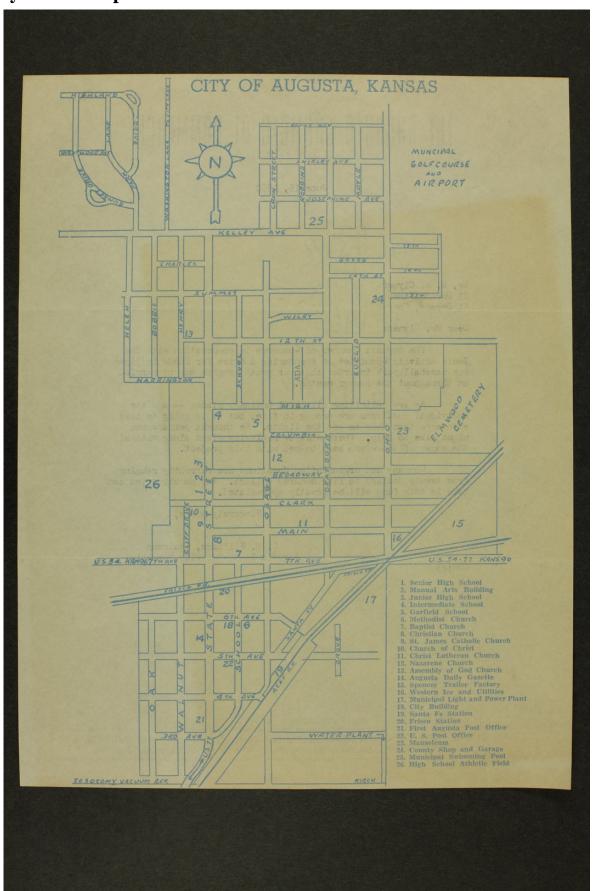
Sincerely yours,

C. M. Williams, Chairman Augusta Youth Activity Committee

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THE EL DORADO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EL DORADO, KANSAS

June 16, 1950

Mr. R. A. Clymer, Editor El Dorado Times El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Again, you have hit the "bull's eye" with the special edition of the Times. This time it was in support of the Elks Flag Day Celebration.

I have heard a lot of complimentary statements made about this edition and you, Jack, Clint and other members of your organization are to be complimented for this effort. You know the weather has been pretty hot for this type of extra exertion. But "she was a honey".

Yours very truly,

EL DORADØ CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

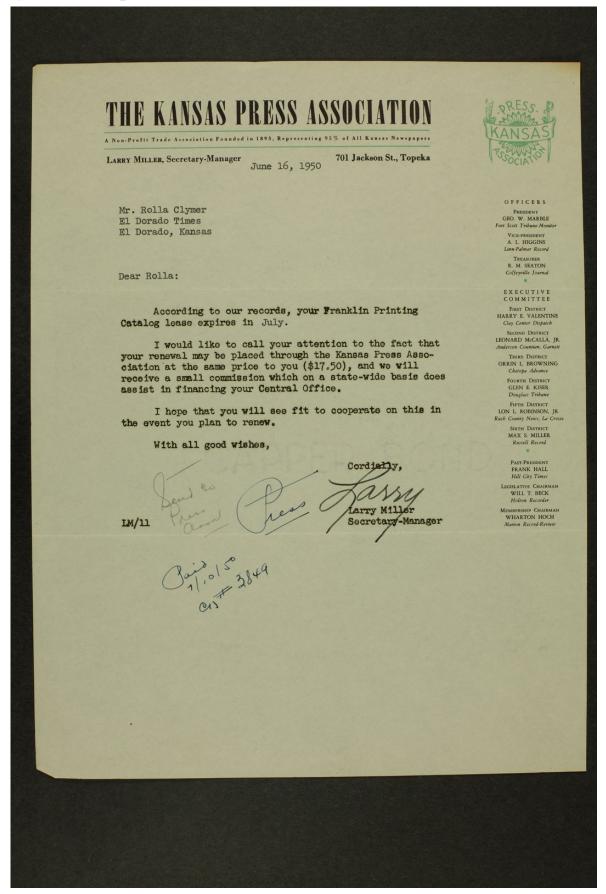
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Harlan L. Remsberg, Manager

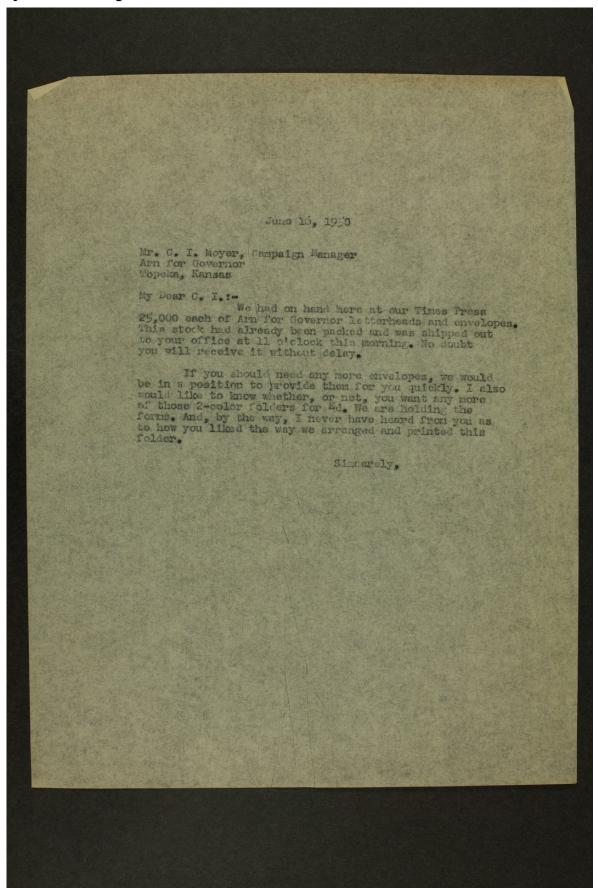
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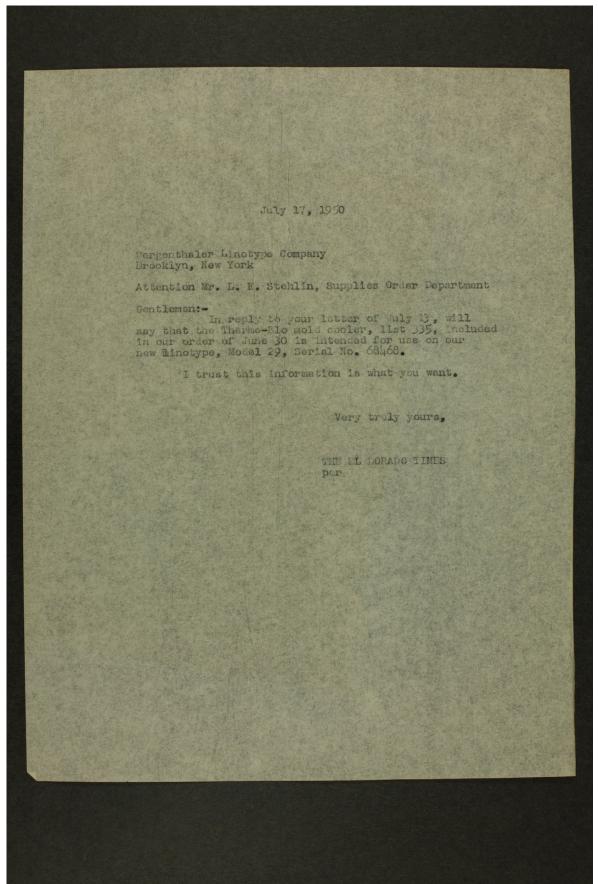




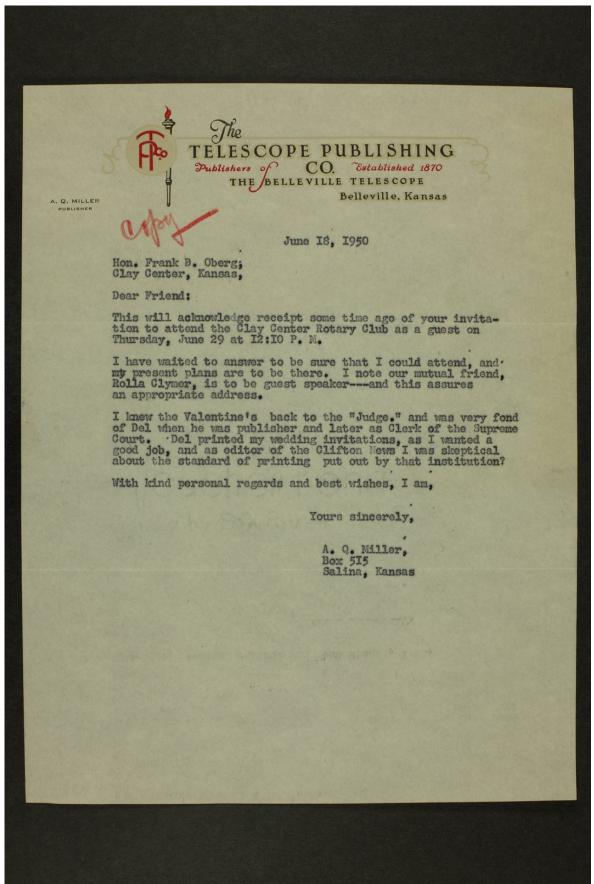














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19 June 1950

Mr. Rolla Clymer El Dorado Times El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I am taking the liberty of writing you because on several occasions our mutual friend, Mr. Irwin Beeson, has offered many compliments in your behalf.

A blind girl, Miss Mary Walton, 713 No. Washington St. El Dorado, has written us concerning her desire to attend the College of Emporia this fall. She graduated from El Dorado Junior College this spring and was fortunate to receive our forty per cent of total tuition scholarship award. I visited in her home about two weeks ago and found that she and her family are of rather meager circumstances. She would need about \$600 per year financial help to pay her room, board and fees. I think she is a very intelligent girl with a desire to do creative writing, radio work and in fact anything that isn't of a routine nature. She prefers to be as independent but realizes that she will need help in order to attend college.

The best the school can do is to help her with the tuition award and we are wondering if you have any ideas or know of any individual or organization that might have a program that offers help to an individual of her standing and talents. Any suggestions you can offer us or help that you can personally secure if you approve this young ladies case would be greatly appreciated by our school and certainly by Mary and her family I am sure.

I hope to meet you on my first trip back to El Dorado. With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

M. B. Arnold
Director of Public Relations

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The Pittsburg Readlight

EVENINGS EXCEPT SUNDAY

Established 1887

THE PITTSBURG SUN

MORNINGS

EXCEPT MONDAY

Established 1915

THE PITTSBURG PUBLISHING COMPANY

F. W. BRINKERHOFF

Pittsburg, Kansas June 19, 1950

Rolla A. Clymer The Times El Dorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

After your letter and enclosure came I sent for a new authority on words. And I will try to put it to use. In this day of plain speaking, almost any word will be available for use in a family journal but accuracy, maybe precisity, will be highly desirable.

I have been invited by Columbia University, School of Journalism, Dean Ackerman speaking, to serve on the Pulitzer jury. The assignment is to editorial writing. I will be calling on you for some help. I would appreciate it if you would clip out any editorials that seem to you to be outstanding enough for Pulitzer consideration, without respect to the size of the newspaper.

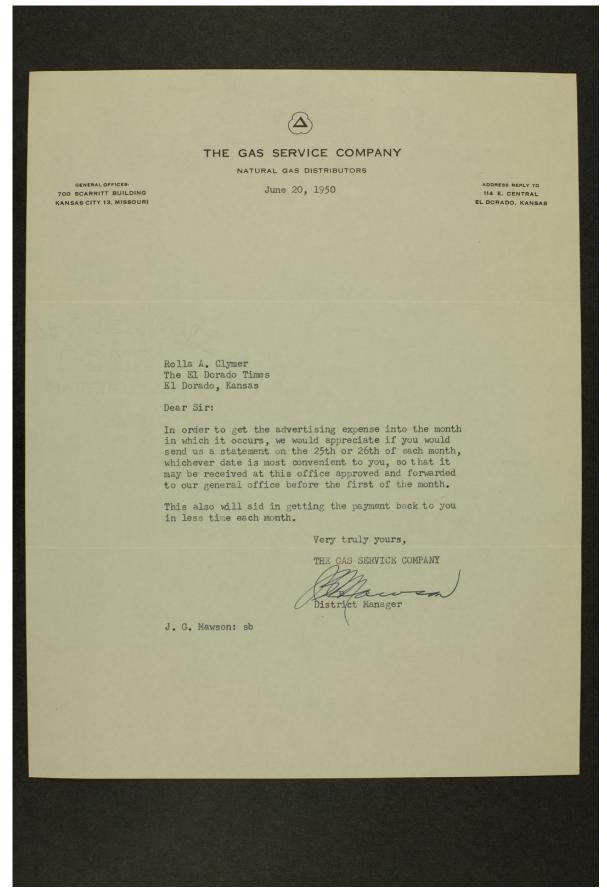
Just got back Saturday night from an expedition into Arkansas by water with the "Bull" and four other fellows. I have a beautiful sumburn, almost 100 percent. If you want to see somebody who is browned up, come on over. I am now at home without anything to call me anywhere but to Topeka until after the first Tuesday in August. I hope I can do some good where good should be done.

Sincerely yours,

F. Brinkerhoff

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THE EMPORIA GAZETTE

MRS. W. A. WHITE AND W. L. WHITE

EMPORIA, KANSAS

BUSINESS MANAGER

June 20, 1950

Dear Rolla:

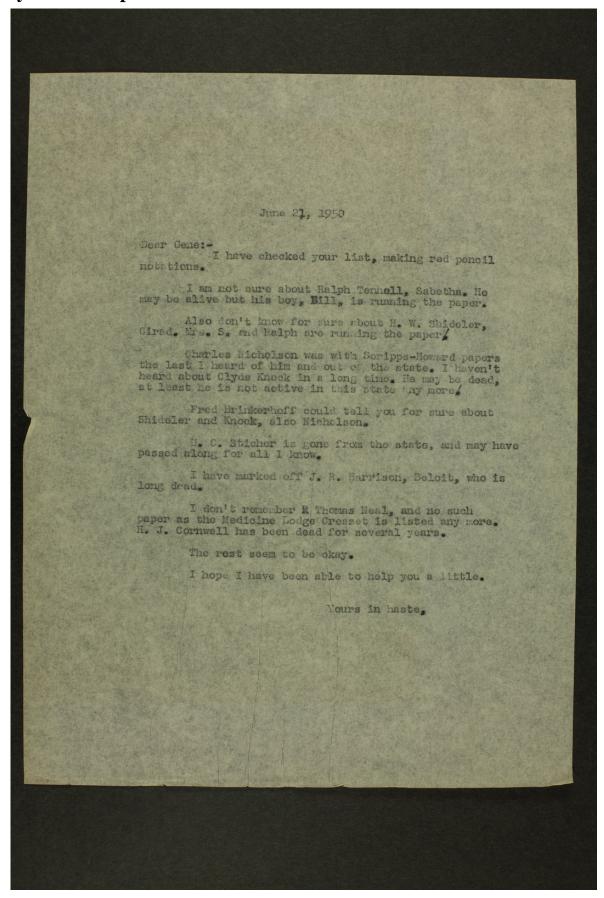
I can't find the KPA memorial booklet which contains the memorials you have so faithfully prepared each year of Kansas newspapermen who have died and for that reason am asking for your help. Then Hoover comes to make the dedication of the W.A.W. memorial the evening of July 11, the Foundation committee wants to send a special letter of invitation to each Kansan who attended the dinner Mr. White gave for Hoover, July 18, 1927. We looked up the list of guests in the files and find that more than 30 of the 75 have died. To be sure, however, I am sending the list down to you and would like for you to cross off all names nof those not living. Then, could you indicate where the living now are located so that the letter can be sent.

Names already checked are those we are reasonably sure have passed on. The list is as it appeared in the Gazette and as they were seated that night. Thanks a lot for your help. Best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Gene Lawthn







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EBASCO SERVICES INCORPORATED

TWO RECTOR STREET NEW YORK 6, N. Y.

CORPORATE FINANCE DEPARTMENT
J L SCHEINIS, MANAGER

June 21, 1950

Mr. R. A. Clymer, General Manager, Times Publishing Company, El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

On May 31st, I wrote to you requesting certain information about your newsprint consumption and needs. These data are desired for our confidential use in helping the Columbine Development Company to plan a paper mill to be constructed near Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

Since we have not yet found your reply among our returns, I am taking the liberty of sending you another copy of our Newsprint Data Sheet in the event that our original letter has gone astray.

Any cooperation you give us in this matter will be greatly appreciated and will be of considerable assistance to us in this project to expand the newsprint production facilities of your section of the country.

Very truly yours,

John E. Lothian
Business Consultant

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